

REMARKS

The subject application is a Rule 1.53(b) continuation of U.S. Serial No. 10/307,737, filed December 2, 2002. A Notice To File Missing Parts Of Nonprovisional Application-Filing Date Granted was issued on January 23, 2003 in connection with Serial No. 10/307,737. A petition for an extension of time of five-months, i.e. from March 23, 2003 to August 23, 2003, is being filed concurrently herewith in connection with Serial No. 10/307,737. Accordingly, Serial No. 10/307,737 is pending today and the subject application is co-pending therewith for the purposes of 35 U.S.C. §120.

By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicant has amended the specification to incorporate a reference to the parent and grandparent applications (Serial No. 10/307,737, filed December 2, 2002, and Serial No. 10/112,500, filed March 27, 2002), in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §120.

Applicant maintains that this Preliminary Amendment does not introduce new matter. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Preliminary Amendment.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this amendment and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

Entry of this amendment and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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